Cut in PDS quota

†3077. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL:
SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have made reduction in the quota of commodities provided under Public Distribution System in various States;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is a fact that many State Governments have requested the Centre to provide the same quantity of commodities under the said system that was being provided earlier;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the decision taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) and (b) Keeping in view the reduced availability of foodgrains, especially wheat, in the Central pool and to ensure that the subsidy remains targeted towards poor households as well as to check diversion, the Government *inter alia*, took decisions to rationalise the allocation of foodgrains under the Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS).

(c) to (e) The Government, considering the representations from State Government and others, has decided to postpone the implementation of the decisions.

Spot inspection of factories and mills causing pollution

†3078. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Pollution Control Board made on the spot inspection of certain factories and mills causing environmental pollution in different States during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and spot-wise;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) whether Government have received any report about all those factories and mills; and

(d) if so, what action has been taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) and (b) The Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) during the last three years has carried out inspections in 1596 units through its Zonal Offices located at Kolkata, Bangalore, Bhopal, Lucknow, Vadodra and Shillong. A State-wise break up of number of inspected units during last three years is enclosed, as per Statement (*See* below).

(c) and (d) Based on the inspections carried out, directions have been issued to 27 defaulting units under the Water Pollution (Prevention and Control) Act, 1974 and to 169 units under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.

Statement

State-wise inspection undertaken by CPCB during last three years

State	2003-2004	2004-05	2005-2006
1	2	3	4
Madhya Pradesh	16	10	14
Chhatisgarh	11	08	09
Rajasthan	04	08	14
West Bengal	31	38	32
Bihar	18	01	08
Orissa	12	25	37
Sikkim	00	01	00
Jharkhand	00	10	06
Assam	23	25	26
Mizoram	01	00	00
Meghalya	03	00	12
Gujarat	17	16	29

1	2	3	4
Maharashtra	05	10	14
Daman, Diu & DNH	00	02	06
Karnataka	44	99	35
Andhra Pradesh	20	84	13
Tamil Nadu	64	35	93
Kerala	33	20	07
Goa	03	04	00
Pondicherry	07	07	02
Uttar Pradesh	34	108	87
Uttaranchal	09	12	13
Himachal Pradesh	01	10	55
Jammu & Kashmir	00	04	01
Haryana	09	46	12
Punjab	26	12	71
Chandigarh	01	08	05
TOTAL:	392	603	601

Development of Eastern Ghats

3079. SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether proposals forwarded by the Government of Tamil Nadu for development of Eastern Ghats and coastal areas have been pending in the Centre for more than two years;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of funds released during the last 10 years for conservation of natural resources and preservation of ecology in those areas?